



Gallatin County 4-H Newsletter

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2007 Montana 4-H Leadership Forum "4-H Boundless Horizons"

Call for Workshop Proposals – District 2 will be hosting the 2007 Montana 4-H Leaders Forum in Havre on Oct 5-8. Anyone interested in presenting a workshop is encouraged to fill out an application and send it in. If you know of someone else who might also be interested, please pass this invitation along. The one page application form is available at the Gallatin County Extension Office by calling 388-3213. The submission deadline is March 30, 2007.

2007 Montana State Fair Junior Livestock Show information:

Nominations for Steers are due February 28, Lambs and Hogs May 15. Hard copy of nomination forms are available now, available via internet soon, check <www.montanastatefair.com>. Exhibitors may nominate the same animals as were/are submitted on County Intent to Enter Forms and then decide at entry time which animal(s) to take to which show. County assigned ear tags and/or numbers are acceptable for nomination. Photo of animal clearly showing ear tag required with completed nomination. Exhibitors may show multiple animals of any offered species. Sale is optional for non-champions and exhibitors may sell one animal. Fair entries due July 6. Show dates will be August 1 through 5; detailed schedule yet to be determined. For additional information or to request nomination forms, contact Montana State Fair.

Beginning Beekeeping Workshop at Montana State University

New beekeepers, including youth, can learn how to get started in beekeeping during a workshop Saturday Feb. 10 at Montana State University. MSU and the Montana Department of Agriculture will present a beginning beekeeping workshop that day, which will include how to over-winter hives and how to control mites, among other topics. The program also includes honey tasting. Speakers include Dick Molenda of Western Bee Supplies in Polson, who will demonstrate beekeeping equipment and discuss suitable locations for hives. David Baumbauer, a hobby beekeeper, will describe how to install package bees, and Patty Denke, state entomologist with the Department of Agriculture will discuss pests, diseases and regulations. Denke is responsible for Montana's apiary program. The beekeeping sessions run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in room 108 of the Plant BioScience Building (formerly known as Ag BioScience Building). The Plant BioSciences building is the first building on the right as you approach the MSU campus from the north on 11th Avenue. The cost, which includes lunch, is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 18 and under. **Registration is due by Feb. 5** and is limited to 50 people. Registration information is available on the internet at <http://ag.montana.edu/plantgrowth>. Click on the hobby beekeeping link. For more information call David Baumbauer, director of the MSU Plant Growth Center at (406) 994-2231 or e-mail him at baumbauer@montana.edu.



2nd Annual Photo Contest

Second Annual 4-H "Learn by Doing" photo contest deadline: May 1, 2007

Get out your cameras and start clicking! Thanks to everyone who helped get the 4-H photo contest off the ground last year. The entries (with photographer permission) have already helped tell the story of 4-H to the public in posters, newspaper articles, Web pages and publications. In the first contest, youth submitted photos that captured the "learn by doing" spirit by showing 4-H'ers doing everything from feeding livestock to sewing quilts, making cinnamon rolls. But there are hundreds of projects and other 4-H activities to show off. We'd love to see more entries that catch kids involved in 4-H activities, especially with a teen or adult mentor. Youth can enter photos from 4-H photography projects as long as they adhere to the contest rules. But any young person under 18 can enter even if they are not in 4-H, as long as their photo depicts a 4-H youth "learning by doing." Because we would like to publish the winners and retain entries to help promote Montana 4-H, we ask photographers to provide model releases from people pictured. For complete rules contact the Gallatin County Extension Office at 388-3213 or 201 West Madison, Suite 300 in Belgrade (Located in the Valley Professional Offices, Building #2, downstairs).

